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encouraged by any special interest group to say that that word does not have that meaning because the special interest group doesn't want it to have that meaning and the Legislature will go along with that and overrule the Chair I think does invite us to pervert and corrupt not only the system itself but to undermine the integrity of the position of the Chair. I'm trying to staying away from the merits or demerits of the amendment itself. The only reference I made to it was to explain what the amendment does because the mere listing of statutes by numbers will not tell the subject matter. The Chair has made what I consider to be an appropriate ruling, the other day a ruling was made that a matter was not germane even though the amendment came from the same section of statute that was being considered. So, if the Chair's rulings mean anything, if the English language has any meaning then the Chair certainly ought to be sustained in this instance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler and then Senator Johnson.

SENATOR FOWLER: I just rise also to support the Speaker of the Legislature in objecting to the addition of this amendment as the fact that it is not germane. I think that it is very clear that this is not an obsolete statute that we are repealing, I think that Senator Beutler has made a very good point that almost every bill repeals some statute. If we overrule the Chair here, we will set a precedent that basically would be binding on this legislature that would allow in these last 17 days all sorts of efforts to add irrelevant amendments in desperate attempts on Select File. There is a procedure for operation with this bill. If the people who sponsored it believe that it should come before the full legislature they can file a motion to bring it up, it can come up on General File with 30 votes, come with that motion and it can be debated. It could be given the consideration other bills are given in the order in which these matters should be taken up. But to try to stick in on Select File, through this ruse of claiming that this is a germane amendment this bill I think would be a major mistake for this legislature. I support the Speaker in his efforts to try and maintain some discipline on this body and I think that those, even if you support this bill I think that those who are concerned about trying to act in an effective manner in these last 17 days would understand to overrule the speaker would be to undo any sort of discipline that might have existed up to this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I rise to support the Chair in its ruling on this motion. I believe that the other day the Chair was incorrect in ruling on an amendment of mine, not to be germane,